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THE SUNDAY TIMES.

Everybody in Richmond will be interested
in to-morrow's issue of THE TIMES. Be-
sides the news it will contain the following
articles of special interest:

An authentic account of the approaching
marriage of Henry M. Stanley, the African
explorer, and Miss Dorothy Tennant, by a
member of her family.

General Robert E. Lee as an educator, by
Rev. S. G. Clegg.

History of the Civil Service, by President
Lyons G. Tyler, of William and Mary Col-
lege.

Religious news and opinion with a ser-
mon, by Rev. J. Wiley Bledsoe.

News from the turf, field, and diamond.

Felix's social letter reviewing the week.

"Where will you spend the summer?" a
query answered by many Richmonders.

Continuation of the history of the Rich-
mond Howitzers.

Burton's article on Richmond turnouts.

APPEAL FOR A HOTEL.

"Oh thou people of babbles, if thou
couldst but act!" Carlyle.

For the past twelve years since Mr. Hampden Chamberlayne of the state news-
paper expended his life in futile efforts to
secure for Richmond a first-class hotel on
the old Spottwood site, the people of this
city have talked about building such a
hotel. Valiantly have they proclaimed in
their fire-side talks, over their card tables,
on the streets and in their public meetings
and Chamber of Commerce what should be
done and what they would do if only this
hotel scheme was worked rightly.

They have had some dozen or more
schemes within the twelve years presented
to them, schemes that embraced every rea-
sonable requisite for success, and what
have they done? They have done every-
thing but subscribe to these schemes, the
only thing that could put them through.

They have expended their whole energy in
criticising these schemes, and in pulling
them to pieces. They have talked over
them, and left them to die for lack of sub-
scriptions. Each citizen wants the hotel in
a different locality. Each one wants it run
by a different character of man and each
one wants a different plan for arranging its
bonds and stock. No man will concede to
any other iota of his opinion, and no
man will subscribe a dollar unless the hotel
is built on his chosen locality, run by his
chosen man, and according to his chosen
plan." In the army of men desiring the
hotel, every man wants to be a general, and
worse, an absolute general-in-chief, attend-
ing no councils of war. Each man
must be an independent army of his own, receiv-
ing orders from no one, and arranging the
whole scheme according to his own "best"
plan. The penalty of not suiting every man
in the community in site, proprietor, and
plan is losing his subscription.

They will never be a hotel in Richmond
until our people learn to co-operate with
each other, every man yielding some little of
his deep seated bigoted opinions as to where,
by whom and how the hotel shall be built
and run. When this community can make
up its mind to do this, and to talk less, and
act more with regard to this matter, Rich-
mond will have a hotel, and not before. It
is idle to say and to think that outside cap-
ital will build our hotel when it is needed,
a remark that is much quoted. As a mat-
ter of fact, this is exactly what outside
capital says: "When Richmond really needs
a hotel her capitalists will build it."

In the name of all progress, let the people
of Richmond co-operate, exercise a liberal
spirit, and act by subscribing their money,
and let them do so quickly, for the city is
losing \$100,000 or more a year from lack of a
first-class hotel.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

For years past every other man in
our city has been proclaiming the lack of
enterprise in our community, but he has
contented himself with such proclaiming,
and has remained inactive.

The fountain-head of all public enterprise
in a city should be and is Chamber of
Commerce.

In Richmond and its suburbs there are
100,000 people. It is safe to say that of these
100,000, 20,000 are men, and that of these 20,-
000 men, at least 20,000 are in active business
and interested in the propagation of all
public enterprises, and yet the Chamber of
Commerce of the city of Richmond has only
100 members, and can never have present
at any meeting with the most strenuous
efforts, more than seventy-five or one hun-
dred. These one hundred men, sitting in
two small rooms in the second story of a
building, are left to show all of the public
spirit to push forward all of the public en-
terprise of a city of 100,000 population. It
is a shame. Every business man in the
city of Richmond should be a member of
the Chamber of Commerce. The cost is only
ten dollars per annum, which can be borne
by every man in business.

A thousand members in the chamber for
one year would change the whole aspect of
our city. With a thousand members there
could be some co-operation on questions of
vital importance, some unanimity of opin-
ion and action. With the \$10,000 resulting
from their yearly dues, agents could be
sent through the country to advertise our
advantages and induce industrial enter-
prises to come to us. The unanimous ac-
tion of a thousand shippers could and
would force better railroad connections and
facilities; would secure better depots and
better street railway service. Their protest
against or their advocacy of a measure
would have some weight.

Let every business man take the first
active step and join our Chamber of Com-
merce. Let us have some concert of action
on questions involving the progress or
decay of our community.

THE TIMES has received a copy of the
Year Book of the Young Men's Christian
Associations for 1890, just issued. The vari-
ous reports indicate a marked advance
during the past year along nearly all lines
of association work, and in all parts of the
country's field.

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